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Subject: Today's federal call

Here are some relevant pieces of news from today's call:

- (1) On the 404 update, given by Mike N.
- He gave a draft of the White Paper to Mike J. this week, and anticipates sharing something with the action agencies in the next week or so.
 - He flagged that they have the DWR money for the Corps review
 - No discussion of the DWR/Corps mou or the 404 P+N statement
- (2) Paul R. said that the meeting between Meral, Cowin, Nawi, the Division General and the District Commander on June 25th will mainly be a meet and greet and a chance to identify where the Corps can do projects that advance the BDCP.
- (3) Nawi summarized the BDCP situation and was surprisingly positive about the decision tree idea.
- Gov. Brown was supposed to be briefed today, after which DWR will come up with first drafts of the documents to be released at the end of July. That meeting is still floating around July 25th (Gov, Salazar, and NOAA head).
 - What the permit will actually say about operations is unclear.
- David still thinks the announcement will include size, biological goals and objectives, finance, adaptive management, science, governance.
- BDCP plus is being developed by DWR and BOR, who have been charged with coming up with ideas (conservation, reuse, SOD Storage) that will make up for contractor water "lost" by going to the new approach in the BDCP. That's the first I've heard of it described that way.
- (Legal musing: Apparently DWR lawyers don't want to call it BDCP plus. But what is the interrelationship between these projects? Are these part of the BDCP? Must they be analyzed as such?)
 - More meetings next week. Another big convocation on July 3rd.
- More legal: Apparently both the DWR consultants and the Solicitors Office folks in DC agree that this 9000 cfs alternative needs to be analyzed as a
- separate alternative. Rather than arguing that it fits within the sideboards of everything else. Which is good, legally, but will probably delay the schedule.

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